

Table 44.

Outcomes at all adjudicative levels, by age and year of application, 1992–2004

Year	Total	Pending final decision	Technical denials <sup>a</sup>	Medical decisions				Award rate <sup>b</sup> (percent)	Allowance rate <sup>c</sup> (percent)
				Denials		Allowances			
				Medical	Subsequent nonmedical <sup>d</sup>	Awards	Subsequent denials <sup>e</sup>		
<i>All ages <sup>f</sup></i>									
1992	1,828,951	0	134,438	741,839	1,556	860,875	90,243	47.1	56.1
1993	2,048,945	0	141,214	937,757	1,600	878,932	89,442	42.9	50.8
1994	2,014,499	0	123,175	1,041,432	1,681	770,905	77,306	38.3	44.8
1995	1,845,212	0	103,335	995,185	1,344	683,850	61,498	37.1	42.8
1996	1,786,770	0	113,027	938,464	1,886	671,843	61,550	37.6	43.8
1997	1,505,145	0	97,320	738,969	2,074	606,062	60,720	40.3	47.4
1998	1,520,538	2,198	95,990	699,409	3,830	656,289	62,822	43.2	50.6
1999	1,528,217	2,976	105,819	686,485	4,003	664,525	64,409	43.6	51.4
2000	1,612,826	5,241	156,525	686,473	3,823	691,858	68,906	43.0	52.4
2001	1,749,572	11,864	203,387	721,093	3,499	733,743	75,986	42.2	52.8
2002	1,959,039	43,587	278,291	789,981	3,527	760,967	82,686	39.7	51.5
2003	2,113,075	160,188	343,619	809,717	2,998	715,701	80,852	36.6	49.5
2004	2,220,308	270,992	432,600	821,370	2,298	625,809	67,239	32.1	45.7
<i>Under age 18</i>									
1992	376,812	0	16,695	148,221	103	204,083	7,710	54.2	58.8
1993	500,676	0	18,788	240,668	135	232,344	8,741	46.4	50.0
1994	530,538	0	16,897	311,137	147	194,655	7,702	36.7	39.4
1995	491,638	0	14,364	306,298	92	163,896	6,988	33.3	35.8
1996	457,057	0	13,532	291,268	86	144,667	7,504	31.7	34.3
1997	334,975	0	10,906	195,733	69	121,436	6,831	36.3	39.6
1998	338,592	169	10,904	182,437	74	137,643	7,365	40.7	44.3
1999	345,067	243	11,898	182,211	68	142,835	7,812	41.4	45.2
2000	355,477	420	15,775	179,324	64	151,932	7,962	42.8	47.1
2001	375,975	907	18,710	181,599	61	166,177	8,521	44.3	49.0
2002	412,972	4,033	22,678	197,871	77	179,228	9,085	43.8	48.8
2003	438,632	15,274	25,929	205,119	59	183,085	9,166	43.2	48.4
2004	446,841	26,790	31,688	202,042	71	177,313	8,937	42.2	48.0

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## Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

**Table 44.**

**Outcomes at all adjudicative levels, by age and year of application, 1992–2004—*Continued***

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				Denials		Allowances			
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Aged 18–64									
1992	1,451,417	0	117,675	593,455	1,451	656,374	82,462	45.2	55.4
1993	1,547,527	0	122,364	696,934	1,463	646,157	80,609	41.8	51.0
1994	1,482,503	0	106,181	729,927	1,529	575,431	69,435	38.8	46.9
1995	1,351,903	0	88,839	688,438	1,245	519,041	54,340	38.4	45.4
1996	1,277,604	0	87,869	646,551	1,534	488,161	53,489	38.2	45.5
1997	1,135,602	0	78,303	542,146	1,456	460,847	52,850	40.6	48.6
1998	1,133,015	2,026	76,709	514,914	1,859	483,632	53,875	42.8	51.0
1999	1,133,722	2,727	83,733	502,944	1,542	487,344	55,432	43.1	51.8
2000	1,208,866	4,817	127,968	506,117	1,423	508,564	59,977	42.2	52.8
2001	1,323,142	10,942	167,675	538,552	1,396	538,009	66,568	41.0	52.8
2002	1,483,791	39,510	230,118	591,037	1,544	548,951	72,631	38.0	51.2
2003	1,616,207	144,790	288,775	603,859	1,482	506,359	70,942	34.4	48.8
2004	1,712,073	243,992	366,883	618,788	1,003	423,736	57,671	28.9	43.7

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data for the initial and reconsideration levels are current through June 2005. Data for the hearing level or above are current through July 2005.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change over time. Cases can be pending at the initial or appellate levels and can include either medical or technical issues.

Includes decisions for SSI-only applications and applications for both Social Security and SSI. Does not include Social Security-only applications.

- a. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons so no decision was made on severity of impairment.
- b. Rate determined by dividing awards by all applications minus pending claims for that year.
- c. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.
- d. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons after a decision was made that applicant did not meet the medical severity criteria for disability benefits.
- e. Applications denied for nonmedical reasons after a decision was made that applicant met the medical severity criteria for disability benefits.
- f. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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